

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-14. (Cancelled)

Claim 15. (Currently Amended): A plastic article, which is transparent and consists of

- i) a plastic substrate,
- ii) optionally a coupling layer,
- iii) at least one zinc oxide coating, wherein the coating consists essentially of zinc oxide nanoparticles which have a primary particle size of from 1 to 30 nm and which are embedded in an organosilane as a binder resin, and
- iv) one abrasion resistant outer coating containing sol-gel materials.

Claim 16-17. (Cancelled)

Claim 18. (Previously Presented): The plastic article of Claim 15, wherein the zinc oxide particles are surface-modified with 3-glycidoxypropyltrimethoxysilane.

Claim 19. (Previously Presented): The plastic article of Claim 15, wherein the plastic substrate comprises a member selected from the group consisting of polyamide, polyethylene, polypropylene, polymethyl methacrylate, polystyrene, polyvinyl cyclohexane and copolymers thereof, acrylonitrile/butadiene/styrene copolymers (ABS), polyvinyl chloride, polycarbonate and blends thereof.

Claim 20-21. (Cancelled)

Claim 22. (Previously Presented): The plastic article of Claim 19, wherein the zinc oxide particles are surface-modified with 3-glycidoxypropyltrimethoxysilane.

Claim 23. (Previously Presented): A method of protecting a plastic article against UV radiation and against mechanical damage comprising:

- a) applying at least one zinc oxide coating to said article, wherein the coating consists essentially of zinc oxide nanoparticles which have a primary particle size of from 1 to 30 nm and an organosilane as a binder resin, and
- b) applying an abrasion resistant coating to the zinc oxide coating.

Claim 24. (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 23, wherein a coupling layer is applied to said article before application of said zinc oxide coating.